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SAXMUNDHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1956



To the Chairman and Members of the Saxmundham Urban District Council:

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report on the Health and Sanitary State of the District for the Year 1956.

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	26	13	13
Illegitimate	3	1	2
<u>Birth Rate 20.0</u>			
<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Death Rate 11.0</u>			
Deaths from Puerperal Causes			None
Deaths of Infants under 1 year old..			None
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old.			None
Deaths from Cancer.			3
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea, under 2 years old.			None

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There was no special incidence of any Infectious Disease during the year. Two cases of pneumonia were notified; one (a female 77 years old) died. Three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, two males aged 49 and 47 and one female aged 45. There have been no deaths from this disease during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

Ample supplies of water of very good quality continued to be supplied during the year.

SEWERAGE

Doubts have arisen as to the present efficiency of the Town Sewage Works and as to their ability to treat the increased volume of sewage which will flow when Kelsalo sewage is added.

The advice of the County Water Engineer was sought on this matter and his recommendations are being followed. It is hoped that this will result in a satisfactory effluent being once more obtained. The efficiency of the system here, as elsewhere, is gravely affected by the grossly extravagant use of detergents by housewives in general.

HOUSING

(a)	No: of Houses inspected	31
(b)	No: unsatisfactory.	27
(c)	No: rendered fit:	
	(i) Informal	5
	(ii) Formal - Public Health Acts..	-
	(iii) Formal - Housing Acts ...	6
(d)	No: Demolition Orders secured..	-
(e)	No: Dwellings included in Clearance Orders secured.	-
(f)	No: demolished under (d) above.	-
	No: demolished under (e) above.	-
(g)	No: of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (including Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953)...	-
(h)	No: cases of overcrowding known to exist at end of 1956	-
(i)	No: cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	-
(j)	Total No: new houses erected	
	(i) by Local Authority.	10
	(ii) by private enterprise...	1
(k)	No: of Improvement Grants approved during the year.	4

FOOD PREMISES

Number of Food Premises in the area, and type of business:-

Grocers	....	7
Fishmongers	....	1
Bakers	....	2
Butchers	....	2
Snack Bars	....	1
Cafe	....	3
Greengrocers....		2
Confectioners...		6
		24

(a)	No: of premises inspected	5
(b)	No: of inspections made ...	103
(c)	No: found to be unsatisfactory...	2
(d)	No: rendered satisfactory	
	(i) Informally....	2
	(ii) Formally	-
(e)	No: of premises registered under Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955	
	(i) Ice Cream - Manufacture	-
	Storage or Sale only..	4
	(ii) Sausages, preserved food, etc.	-
(f)	No: of Ice Cream samples taken for bacteriological examination..	-
	No: of samples found to be unsatisfactory ...	-
(g)	No: of Dairies Registered ...	1

(h)	No: of Milk Dealers Licences issued:	
(i)	Pasteurised	2
(ii)	Tuberculin Tested..	2
(iii)	Sterilised	1
(i)	No: of licensed slaughter houses...	2

FOOD INSPECTION

(a) Meat inspected.

Is 100% inspection being carried out? Yes.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	204	-	20	269	324	-
Number inspected	204	-	20	269	324	-
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT</u> <u>TUBERCULOSIS AND</u> <u>CYSTICERCUS</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercus.	1	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	$\frac{17}{8}$	-
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brief Analysis of "other causes".			Liver Fluke			

(b) Other Foods condemned:

25 tins of fruit	31 lb. 3 ozs.
7 tins of milk	12 pts.
4 tins of fish	1 lb. 3 ozs.
5 tins of meat	13 lb. 11 ozs.
8 tins of vegetables	5 lb. 11 ozs.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food:

Meat : Suffolk Fat and Bone Co.

Other Foods : Refuse Tip.

PUBLIC HEALTH (GENERAL)

Moveable Dwellings

Rats and Mice Destruction

Disinfection, etc.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Frequency of collection.. Weekly.
Method of Disposal To refuse tip.
Is night soil collection undertaken? No.
Is cesspool emptying undertaken? No.

Water Supply.

No: of water samples taken for:

Bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Chemical examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nitrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Drainage, etc.

No: of new sewer connections made

No: of conversions to W.C. (Public Health Act, 1936, Sec. 47) ... -

SHOPS ACT, 1950 (Section 38).

Number of shops inspected

Contravention found	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Contravention remedied	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-